

REMARKS

On May 12, 2004, the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers in the above-captioned application. The Notice states that Figures 1-4 of the Application are "too dark."

Applicants have attached as Appendix A Replacement Sheets for Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, and Figure 4. The Replacement Sheets introduce no new matter and are lighter than the originally submitted sheets. Applicants believe that they are in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.84 and 37 CFR § 1.121. Please replace the originally filed Figures 1-4 with the enclosed replacement sheets.

Entry of the Replacement Sheets is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of correction have been satisfied. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers be deemed satisfied and informalities cured. Applicants believe that the present Application is in condition for allowance, and they request that an early allowance be granted on all claims. If the Examiner believes for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane A. Stewart III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

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